

## REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the previously filed amendment and the following remarks.

In further response to the rejection of claims 1-3, 6, and 8-12 under 35 USC 103(a) for allegedly being anticipated by the combination of Miller (WO 01/93444) and Maio (US4578646), the examiner has not provided any evidence that it would be obvious to combine these citations. The examiner's statement that "it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to have modified the circuit of Miller in the manner suggested by Maio" is false because the examiner has not pointed out anywhere where Maio suggests any modification of the circuit of Miller, and in the absence of any evidence of obviousness to combine, the statement is no more than a bare assertion of an unsupported conclusion. In order to make a *prima facia* case for combining citations, the examiner has to provide evidence that the combination is obvious, such as, some teaching or suggestion or motivation in the prior art, or some other evidence that combining the citations is obvious.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

All the claims are distinguished from the prior art, and applicant respectfully requests allowance of all the claims.

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